

**DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION**

As below named inventors, we hereby declare that:

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We believe we are the original, first and joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

**BRAGG GRATING AND METHOD OF PRODUCING A BRAGG GRATING  
USING AN ULTRAFAST LASER**

the specification of which is attached hereto.

I/we hereby authorize my/our attorney to insert here in parentheses  
(Application Number \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_),  
the filing date and application number of said application, when known.

We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

We acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of the Federal Regulations, S1.56(a).

We hereby state that this application in part discloses and claims subject matter disclosed in our earlier filed **provisional** application Serial No: 60/456,184 filed **March 21, 2003**; a further **provisional** application filed **February 20, 2004**, the serial number of which has not yet been assigned; and **pending** application Serial No: 10/639,486 filed **August 13, 2003**.

We hereby claim the benefit of Title 35, U.S.C. 119(e) and U.S.C. 120, of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is now disclosed in the prior **United States provisional and United States** patent applications

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<b>60/456,184 (102-11 US PROV)</b>	<b>March 21, 2003</b>	<b>Pending</b>
<b>Unassigned (102-11 US PROV)</b>	<b>February 20, 2004</b>	<b>Pending</b>
<b>10/639,486 (102-11 US)</b>	<b>August 13, 2003</b>	<b>Pending</b>

We hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, U.S.C. 119(a) from **Canadian** and **European** patent applications

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<b>2,436,499 (102-11 CA)</b>	<b>August 1, 2003</b>	<b>Pending</b>
<b>03405845.3 (102-11 EP)</b>	<b>November 26, 2003</b>	<b>Pending</b>

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were

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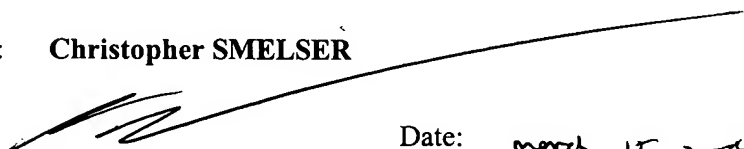
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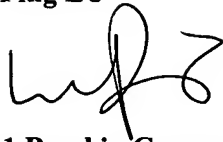
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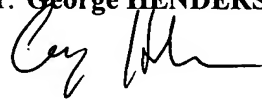
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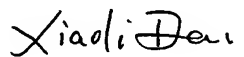
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